Update: Fischer Fire in Chelan County

CAMP MURRAY – Firefighters continue to assist local firefighters working to contain the Fischer Fire, approximately 7 miles east of Leavenworth in Chelan County.

A total of 48 firefighters and 15 engines/tenders are involved, patrolling the canyons for hot spots and are being supported by aircraft dropping fire retardant. These firefighters and apparatus will complement the firefighters and engines/tenders from the local jurisdictions.

The fire has burned approximately 510 acres and is threatening 32 residences. Level 3 evacuations are in effect for 20 homes in Williams Canyon, and Level 2 evacuations are affecting 12 residences in Derby Canyon. The Red Cross has set up a shelter at the Icicle River Middle School in Leavenworth. The school is located at 10195 Titus Road.

The Washington State Fire Mobilization Act was declared on August 11, 2004, at 12:01 a.m. by Chief Lowell Porter, and implemented by the Fire Protection Bureau of the Washington State Patrol at the request of the local fire service. Support from the state's Emergency Management Division at the State Emergency Operations Center at Camp Murray.

Creating a defensible space around your home is a must for residents living in a potential wild land fire area. The following are the 10 steps to defensible space:

* Thin tree and brush cover.
* Dispose of slash and debris left from thinning.
* Remove dead limbs, leaves and other litter.
* Stack firewood away from home.
* Maintain irrigated green belt around the home.
* Mow dry grasses and weeds.
* Prune branches to 10 feet above the ground.
* Trim branches.
* Clean roof and gutters.
* Reduce density of surrounding forest.:

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